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FOR SHINN FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. ASSUME YOU NOTED VISA REQUESTS IN MOSCOW 17129 AND 17226 FOR PERSONNEL STATIONED AT AMTORG.
2. APPRECIATE INDICATION OF CURRENT THINKING REGARDING SCENARIO TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENTS AND CRAWFORD.
3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT VALERIY PETYUKHOV (STATE 185397). WE WILL ASK OUR UNOFFICIAL CONTACTS ABOUT HIM AND LET YOU KNOW IF WE GET ANYTHING OF INTEREST.
4. WE HAVE RECEIVED A SEALED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN NORMAN F. LENT TO SECRETARY BREZHNEV. AS USUAL, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS IN IT BEFORE WE TRY TO DELIVER IT.
5. RE VISIT OF WALTER CONNOR (STATE 179845 AND 148433), WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CALLS AT USA INSTITUTE BUT NEED TO KNOW NAMES OF PEOPLE HE WISHES TO SEE OR SUBJECTS
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HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THERE. PLEASE TELL CONNOR THAT SUCH CALLS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE IN AUGUST AND THAT POST PERSONNEL WILL ALSO BE SCARCE AT THAT TIME. DOES HE HAVE PROGRAM REQUESTS OTHER THAN CONSULTATIONS IN EMBASSY AND USA INSTITUTE CALLS?

6. REGARDING QUESTIONS POSED STATE 189237, PARA 4,

ON AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE:

PT BOATERS: AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON WILL ARRIVE RICHMOND EARLY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 2. MAY BE ABLE TO STAY FOR SEPTEMBER 3 MEMORIAL SERVICE, BUT RESERVATIONS FOR NIGHT OF THIRD NOT NEEDED. ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT MRS. TOON WILL ATTEND PT BOATERS EVENTS.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS: ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 25, 26 AND 28 (INCLUDING TRIB. BACKGROUNDER) ACCEPTABLE. MRS. TOON WILL ACCOMPANY TO NEW YORK BUT NOT CHICAGO, PHILADELPHIA OR NEW HAVEN.

BOSTON: SEPTEMBER 22-24 AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON WILL PROBABLY SPEND WEEKEND IN BOSTON. IF BOSTON TV OR RADIO DESIRE INTERVIEW, AMBASSADOR AGREEABLE.

GUEST QUARTERS: RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE FOR AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, SEPTEMBER 17-20, AND SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 4.

MISCELLANEOUS: AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON WILL TRAVEL WASHINGTON-RICHMOND-PINEHURST BY RENTED CAR. NO APPOINTMENT WITH MED NEEDED. TOON

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